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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER**

Note:

1. Questions for oral reply will be printed in full in the Question Paper for the day for which they have been set down for reply.
2. \*Indicates a question for oral reply.

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

MONDAY, 7 AUGUST 2017

**134. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*Noting that Ndlambe Local Municipality has been reported to be made up of a large indigent community and that work opportunities and study opportunities after school are very scarce, there are no tertiary facilities for indigent families to access within the municipality and that a large percentage of learners are alleged to drop out of school as they struggle with the academic programme:*

1. Whether the Ndlambe Local Municipality area, specifically Port Alfred and Alexandria, can be considered as sites for Schools of Skills as this would result in non-academic learners being catered for and would afford them the ability to work immediately after leaving school; if not, why;
2. could this specified municipality also be considered as a potential site for the development of a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college so that matriculants can have access to tertiary education closer to home; if not, why?

**135. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

*With reference to the no - fee Afrikaans medium school - Station Hill Primary School which only caters for the Afrikaans speaking learners up to Grade 9 in Port Alfred in Ndlambe Local Municipality and noting that the closest Afrikaans medium high schools that they can attend for Grades 10 to 12 are in Alexandria and Grahamstown, both of which are 50 km away from Port Alfred. As the parents of these learners are alleged to be indigent and cannot afford transport costs or school fees, there is very little space on the current school premises for further developments and these learners have been accommodated in an English / isiXhosa medium school in Nemato township for Grade 10 to 12 resulting in a high failure rate due to language constraints:*

1. Whether his Department will take any steps with a view to ensuring that land within the community is made available for institutional zoning for a school; if so, what steps;
2. whether he has been informed that the school has not been prioritised by his Department for extension to matric level; if not, what is the position in this regard;
3. what steps his Department will take with a view to ensuring that these learners enjoy their constitutional right to being educated in their Home Language from Grade 1 to 12, in their own community;
4. whether his Department has put any plans in place with a view to extending this school; if so, (a) how much has been budgeted in this regard and (b) over which financial period?

**136. Ms C Barker to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*With reference to 21 July 2017 at approximately 13:30 when a bronchial patient (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) is reported to have been turned away from the Joubertina Hospital by an employee (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) who claimed that no new patients are accepted on a Friday after 13:30 although this hospital is open 24/7 and has an Emergency Room:*

1. What working hours are observed in this specified hospital;
2. whether there are special conditions that necessitate early closure for patient admission between 13:00 and 14:00 at the specified hospital; if so, can she kindly provide a full and thorough explanation of these conditions with a copy of the Admission Policy of the specified hospital; if not,
3. can she kindly explain why the receptionist chased away a bronchial patient in her hour of need;
4. what the consequences will be for the employee (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) who is alleged to have done this?

**137. Ms C Barker to ask the MEC responsible for Health:**

*With reference to the 20 August 2015 press statement "Plight of Crumbling Lady Grey Hospital taken to Bhisho" which was issued with a set of questions about collapsing ceilings, flooding, safety, poor working conditions and dire staff shortages in a hospital that services surrounding towns like Sterkspruit and neighbouring farms:*

1. When last were renovations and / or maintenance work completed at the abovementioned hospital;

1. if she can kindly describe all infrastructural changes and renovations that have been made to the abovementioned hospital from August 2015 and as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
2. if no such changes have been made, why;
3. on what exact date will renovations, upgrading and/or building work commence;
4. why the following drugs (Olanzaphine 5&10mg, Pethedine 50mg, Actraphane Insulin, Diazepam Injections, Gentamycin 80mg, Cloxacillin, Diclophenac, Hydrocortisone, Augmentin tabs and Ringers Lactate 200ml) were not made available at the abovementioned hospital during July 2017;
5. if she can kindly provide the exact date on which these drugs will be delivered to the specified hospital?

**138. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

1. Whether her Department has acquired ERF 2700 King William’s Town from Cosmic Gold Trading 230 cc for R20 000 000 plus the cost of transfer totaling R22 922 305.00 in 2013; if so,
2. what was (a) the market or municipal value of this land at the time and (b) this land use zoned as;
3. whether her Department has awarded a mixed use housing development contract in May 2016; if so, (a) who were the successful tenderers and (b) whether all the conditions attached to this award included the total contract value;
4. whether this project has commenced since its awarding; if not, why has it not proceeded; if so, (a) who is the contractor, (b) on what basis have they been appointed and (c) what are their employment credentials and if she can kindly provide relevant details?

**139. Mr J P J Botha to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:**

1. Whether she has been informed of the impact the Non Profit Organisations (NPOs) / Non – Governmental Organisations (NGOs) funding cuts/decreases might have had on the NPOs themselves and the services they rendered to the various communities; if not, why; if so,
2. why didn’t her Department openly and transparently inform the Portfolio Committee Members of these realities;
3. whether she can explain her Department’s intentions for “taking back” some services that were rendered by NPO/NGO’s; if not, why;
4. in which programmes, sub programmes, and which services within the programmes will now be taken from NPOs and NGOs?

**140. Mr M Von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport, Safety and Liaison:**

*With reference to the scholars from Lungisa Primary School who are not able to access scholar transport, resulting in many pupils not attending school, while other parents have been forced to use R400 from their social grants in order to pay for private transport fee:*

1. Whether her Department has put any provisions in place with a view to ensuring that the pupils from the abovementioned school have access to scholar transport; if not, why; if so,
2. can she kindly provide a detailed explanation of the steps her Department intends to take with a view to ensuring that those learners have access to scholar transport?

**141. Mr M Von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport, Safety and Liaison:**

1. What is the stipulated time frame for pension pay-out when a member of the South African Police Service (SAPS) resigns;
2. whether she has been informed that SAPS member (name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply) who resigned on 03 January 2017 and to date has not received any pay-out from Government Employees Pension Fund; if so,
3. what are the reasons for the delay;
4. what steps her Department will take with a view to ensuring that the employee (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) receives his pay-out timeously?

**142. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Transport, Safety and Liaison:**

1. What was the total amount paid out in claims by the South African Police Service (SAPS) in 2016/17 financial year in the province;
2. what is the breakdown by catergory in respect of the abovementioned year;
3. what is the total amount of current claims that are pending against SAPS in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available and if she can kindly provide relevant details in this regard;
4. what steps her Department is taking or has taken with a view to curbing claims against the SAPS?

**143. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Transport, Safety and Liaison:**

1. Whether there has been an upsurge in (a) gang related murders and (b) gang related attempted murders in the Northern Areas of Port Elizabeth in (i) 2016/17 and (ii) 2017/18 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so;
2. how many people have been (a) killed and (b) injured in the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
3. whether any gang related arrests have been made in the above specified financial years as at the latest date for which information is available; if so, how many;
4. (a) when last did the anti-gang task team established by Premier meet and (b) how many meetings have they had since its inception;
5. (a) on what date was the committee established and (b) what progress has the committee made to date and if she can kindly provide relevant details?